

DOVER CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Garage.

Attendance – Pope Hoffman, Bill Herd and Carol Jackman

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Helena Wylde Swiny, Chip Spalding, and Robert Lockhart, Jr. were present.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Helena Wylde Swiny wrote a letter to each of the commissioners prior to the meeting expressing her concerns about the removal of the plantings at the family plot. She came to the meeting to get a further explanation as to how something like this could happen without even contacting families. She had made phone calls to each member of the commission when she first discovered the removal of the bushes and thanked Pope and Carol for getting back to her immediately. She brought her laptop for the presentation. She expressed her disappointment that the family had not been notified of the orders to remove said bushes and that letters were on file ever since the plantings were put in in the 1950s stating that the family themselves were to care for the plantings in the future and at all times. She presented pictures of not only their family plot, but of many other plots that had had bushes cut down. Chip Spalding confirmed the action of the removal of bushes as well. Robert Lockhart, a former member of the cemetery commissioners, stated that he too was upset about the removal of the bushes. He also confirmed the understanding about the care of the Wylde cemetery plot recalling that no one was to care for the plot other than the Wylde/Swiny families.

In the middle of the presentation Mr. Herd left the meeting abruptly, but Pope and Carol continued the discussion and promised that policies would be put in place so that nothing like this would happen in the future. They also said they would look into an organic fertilizer that would deter deer from eating the bushes.

The guests then left the meeting so that Pope and Carol could continue with their regular order of business.

Minutes were approved from the March 20, 2012 meeting.

They then reviewed a request from Edward Crosby, Jr. to purchase one plot in Highland cemetery for cremations only. The family had been Dover residents for many years. It was SO VOTED to allow him to purchase one grave plot for three cremations only.

A bid was received for treatment of winter moths and it was tabled. Two bids were received for the grinding of the stumps. One gave an hourly rate and the other a flat rate, but did not designate the amount of work covered. Pope was going to call them to get a more accurate bid and to be sure the job would be completed for Memorial Day.

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting would be May 15, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.

Attachments to these minutes are on file in the Cemetery Office located in the Town Garage.